

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : BOX PATENT APPLICATION  
Isabelle HARTER et al. : Examiner: Unassigned  
Serial No.: Unassigned : Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
Filed: April 17, 2001 :

For: POLYFUNCTIONAL SUB-ASSEMBLY FOR CONTACT, MATERIAL  
DISTRIBUTION AND HEAT AND/OR MATERIAL EXCHANGE OF AT LEAST  
ONE GAS PHASE AND AT LEAST ONE LIQUID PHASE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants wish to bring to the Examiner's attention, concurrently filed application Attorney Docket No. PET 1827, entitled "Device For Distributing A Poly-Phase Mixture Over A Bed Of A Granular Solid, Comprising A Porous Jet Disturber Element", based on French Application 00/05.021 filed April 17, 2000.

Included with the attached Form PTO-1449 is a French Search Report relating to the corresponding French application and a copy of the reference cited therein, which have been classified as A (document of relevance against at least one claim or document defining the general state of the art) and D (cited in the application).

The Examiner is courteously requested to consider this references in accordance with Patent and Trademark Office policy, as set forth in the paragraph bridging pages 600-67 and 600-68 of M.P.E.P. 03, Rev. 14, November 1992, which states:

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is particularly relevant, to which claims it applies, or merely an "X", "Y", or "A" indication of a search report.

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Respectfully submitted,



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